

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 10, 1889, 188

O.C. Bosbysshell, Esq.,
Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Very respectfully,



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